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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 6955

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BY MCCLOSKEY

REF: MADRID 6954

1. AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR RIVERO AND IBERIAN DIRECTOR LUKENS CALLED ON FONMIN CORTINA TODAY AT END OF FORMAL TALKS. ON SPANISH SIDE UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA, CABINET DIRECTOR MARTINEZ CARO AND GARCIA TRILLOS, INTERPRETER, ALSO ATTENDED.

2. CORTINA WELCOMED MCCLOSKEY AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED FIRST CONTACTS HAD BEEN MADE IN DISUCSSION OF DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. CORTINA SAID HE AGREED WITH PROCEDURES BEING USED AND FELT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ON TRACK. HE SAID HE HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN ROVIRA AS SPANISH NEGOTIATOR. CORTINA WENT ON TO SAY THAT AN "OLD AGREEMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES IN WORLD." HE STATED THAT HE KNEW THAT USG WISHED RENEW 1970 AFC BUT SAID THAT GOS POSITION WAS THAT MANY NEW THINGS HAD TO BE ADDED TO AGREEMENT.

3. MCCLOSKEY REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATION HAD GOTTEN OFF TO GOOD START, THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ROVIRA, THAT HE HAD APPRECIATED
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ROVIRA'S EXPLANATION OF GOS POINT OF VIEW, PARTICULARLY

IN SECURITY FIELD, AND THAT AGENDA PROPOSED BY SPANISH,
OFFERED GOOD POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR DECEMBER TALKS.

4. CORTINA WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN VIEW OF FRIENDLY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, HE HAD NO DOUBT OF
RESULTS. HE ALSO HOPED THAT IN ADDITION TO DEFENSE
NEGOTIATIONS, WE COULD EXPAND OUR COOPERATION IN OTHER
FIELDS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF TECHNOLOGY. HE THOUGHT
NON-MILITARY COOPERATION WOULD BE HIGHLY IMPORTANT IN
FTUTURE.

5. MCCLOSKEY AGREED ON NEED FOR COOPERATION
IN NON-MILITARY FIELDS, NOTING THAT, AT SPANISH
SUGGESTION, SUB-GROUPS WOULD BE WORKINGIN THESE
AREAS IN MADRID.

6. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH BRIEF DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE
TO BE GIVEN TO PRESS.
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